

It is interesting that researchers have discovered that if trees grow up in an environment where they don't have to withstand any wind pressure, their roots don't develop properly and eventually cannot withstand their own weight. They have a deficiency in what they call "stress wood", which is essentially the trees' capacity to withstand wind. Stress wood helps the trees grow stronger and more solidly. Without it, the trees can't survive. The wind is essential for the trees to flourish and become what they were created to be.

In the same way, without the pressure of difficulties and challenges, we wouldn't develop properly. Don't complain about the testing. Every day you stand, it is strengthening you. Your 'roots' are going down deeper. You are developing courage, strength, and fortitude. Every time you praise when you could complain, you are developing stress wood. When you keep doing the right thing when the wrong thing is happening, your core is getting strengthened to carry the full weight of God's blessing. Pass the test, and stand tall and strong and flourishing.

Proverbs 24:10 "If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small."